



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Shinji MAKISHIMA  
Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING  
METHOD AND IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2007, Applicant hereby elects Species I, Figure 5, claims 1-3, 6-8, and 10-12, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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